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SUBJECT: CSCE: BASKET III: INTRODUCTORY LANGUAGE FOR CULTURE

REF: (A) GENEVA A-256; (B) STEFAN-FROWICK OI OF JUNE 7, 1974

1. FRENCH INTEND TO RAISE ABOVE SUBJECT AT NATO COMMITTEE  
III CAUCUS ON FEBRUARY 11, PRIOR TO INITIATION INFORMAL  
TALKS WITH SOVIETS ON THEIR PROPOSED PREAMBULAR DECLARATION  
TRANSMITTED IN REF B (K/134). WE BELIEVE THIS FRENCH TEXT  
MAY POSE BOTH LEGAL AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS ON WHICH WE WOULD  
APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AT AN EARLY DATE.

2. DURING FEBRUARY 11 MEETING, WE PROPOSE REITERATE OUR  
RESERVATIONS ABOUT LENGTH OF FRENCH DECLARATION WHICH TENDS  
TO GIVE DISPROPORTIONATE ATTENTION TO CULTURAL AREA OF  
BASKET III, AND TO SUGGEST THAT FRENCH CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT  
OF TIGHTER AND MORE REALISTIC STATEMENT OF COMMON  
OBJECTIVES IN CULTURAL FIELD. (AS NOW DRAFTED, DECLARATION  
IS CLEARLY UNACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS.) WE SHALL ALSO CONTINUE  
URGE FRENCH TO GIVE GREATER EMPHASIS TO CULTURAL CO-  
OPERATION AMONG ALL PARTICIPATING STATES, THUS SOFTENING  
EUROPEAN THRUST OF DECLARATION.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL WISH TO CONSIDER LEGAL IMPLICATIONS  
OF UNDERTAKINGS IN SECOND AND THIRD OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS  
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OF FRENCH DECLARATION. WE INTEND TO RESERVE OUR POSITION

ON THESE PARAGRAPHS PENDING RECEIPT OF GUIDANCE FROM  
DEPARTMENT.

4. FRENCH APPEAR ANXIOUS TO BEGIN BILATERAL TALKS  
WITH SOVIETS. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE HELPFUL TO RECEIVE  
DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF ABOVE-CITED  
PARAGRAPHS, AS WELL AS ON GENERAL LINE OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 2  
ABOVE, AT AN EARLY DATE. DALE

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